
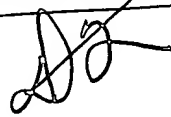


In the Claims

Amend the claims as follows:

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1. Cancelled
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6. (Currently Amended) The roller assembly of Claim ~~[[4]]~~ 27, wherein the cellular structure comprises polyurethane.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The roller assembly of Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 27, wherein the non-compliant layer has a durometer less than 60 Shore A.

9. (Currently Amended) The roller assembly of Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 27, wherein the non-compliant layer has a durometer greater than 35 Shore A.

10. (Currently Amended) The roller assembly of Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 27, wherein the non-compliant layer has a durometer greater than 35 Shore A and less than 60 Shore A.

11. (Currently Amended) The roller assembly of Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 27, wherein the non-compliant layer includes a metal tube.

12. (Previously Amended) The roller assembly of Claim 11, comprising a layer of coefficient of friction enhancing material on the metal tube.

13. (Currently Amended) The roller assembly of Claim [[1]], wherein the non-compliant layer comprises a plastic tube.

14. (Previously Amended) The roller assembly of Claim 13, comprising a layer of coefficient of friction enhancing material on the plastic tube.

15. - 25. (Cancelled)

26 (Cancelled)

27 (New) A roller for a roller assembly as used in transporting a sheet material, the roller comprising:

- a) a shaft;
- b) a first tire mounted to the shaft, the first tire including
 - i) a compliant core fixed to the shaft for rotation with the shaft, the compliant core composed of an open cell foam and
 - ii) a non compliant outer layer fixed to the core for rotation with the core,
- c) the circumference and diameter of the non compliant outer layer remaining substantially constant as the outer layer rotates against an opposed surface to create the nip; and
- d) the compliant core allowing radial displacement of the outer layer relative to the shaft as the outer layer rotates against an opposed surface.

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